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Sir:

Applicants have had the opportunity to analyze U.S. Patent No. 4,238,862 ("the '862 patent") titled "Pocket Multiple Tool" in view of various patents directed to tools having spring-biased jaws, including U.S. 2,847,889 ("the '889 patent") titled "Gripping Tool Jaws," U.S. 4,669,340 ("the '340 patent") titled "Slip-Joint Pliers," and U.S. 5,245,721 ("the '721 patent") titled "Combination Tool." The '862 patent discloses a tool having a pair of jaws, each jaw pivotally connected to one of two handles. The '889 patent, the '721 patent, and the '340 patent all disclose tools having a pair of jaws that are biased apart from one another by a spring.

As a result of Applicants' analysis of the above-referenced patents, Applicants do not wish to continue the prosecution of the above-referenced application. Accordingly, Applicants, through the undersigned attorney of record, hereby expressly abandon the above-referenced application. Confirmation from the Patent and Trademark Office is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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